

Remarks

In the Office Action dated May 29, 2009, the Examiner notes that prosecution has been reopened with the following new grounds of rejection: claims 1-2 and 5-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the Moser reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,853,696) in view of the Sudjian reference (U. S. Patent No. 7,409,027); and claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the '696 reference in view of the '027 reference and further in view of the Morgan reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,320,406). Claims 1-7 are objected to due to informalities, and claims 4 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten. Claims 8 and 9 are indicated as being allowed.

Applicant appreciates the indicated allowability of claims 4 and 7, if rewritten, and of claims 8 and 9. Applicant has rewritten claim 7 as suggested and amended claim 1 to include limitations of claim 4 that are believed to be indicated as the reasons for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the application be allowed.

Applicant also appreciates the suggested modifications to the claims. Applicant has taken the time to review and revise the claims in a manner believed to be consistent with the Office Action's suggestions. Moreover, the claim amendments include formatting changes for how various elements are recited, such as a voltage controlled oscillator, charge pumps and multiplexers. These formatting changes should improve readability and are believed to be consistent with the express and implicit limitations of the un-amended claims. Accordingly, the amendments are not believed to change the scope of the claims. Applicant requests that the objections be removed.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilski, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9063.

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